

REMARKS

This Amendment responds to the office action dated January 25, 2005.

The Examiner rejected claims 2, 3, 5-9, 12-25, 27-30 and 38-57 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Sahai, U.S. Patent No. 6,594,699. The Examiner rejected claim 10, 26, and 31-37 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious in view of the combination of Sahai with Li et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,543,053.

Independent claim 2, as amended, includes the limitation of "selecting either said first quality and said second quality based upon the type of semantic content of said at least one of said audio and video." This limitation is not disclosed by Sahai, which at best merely discloses that a user may access a GUI by which the user selects a bit rate, i.e. quality, for all received audio and/or video, irrespective of the semantic content of the audio/video. Therefore, independent claim 2, along with dependent claims 3 and 5-20 patentably distinguish over Sahai or the combination of Sahai with Li, respectively, and the Examiner's rejection of these claims should be withdrawn.

Similarly, independent claim 20 has been amended to include the limitation of "said system selectively encoding at one of a plurality of different qualities said received broadcast of said at least one of said audio and video for storage on said storage device based upon the semantic content of said at least one of said audio and video." Independent claim 31 has been amended to include the limitation of "selecting one of said first and second qualities based on the semantic content of said at least one of an audio and a video." Independent claims 38 and 49, as amended, each include the limitation of "providing a storage attribute of said preferences description describing the quality of encoding of said at least one of audio and video based upon the semantic content of said at least one of audio and video." Because neither Sahai, nor the combination of Sahai and Li disclose these respective limitations, the Examiner's rejection of independent claims 20, 30, 38, and 49, along with their respective dependent claims 21-30, 32-37, 39-47, and 50-57 should be withdrawn.

Independent claim 57 includes the limitation of "providing a storage attribute of said preferences description describing the quality of encoding of said at least one of audio and video based upon an agent of said system that selects either a first quality and a second quality based upon prior selections of said either said first quality and said second quality." Sahai merely discloses that a user may select a quality of encoding, i.e. a bit-rate, after which the system records audio or video at that selected bit-rate. A user of Sahai's system is not an agent of the system, and does not select an encoding quality based upon past selections, but upon the present wishes of the user, hence neither of these limitations are disclosed by Sahai. Therefore claim 57, along with dependent claims 58-60 patentably distinguish over Sahai and the Examiner's rejection of these claims should be withdrawn.

The Examiner rejected claims 61-72 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the combination of Sahai and Fano, U.S. Patent No. 6,317,718. As amended, independent claim 61 claims "a storage medium selectively detachably insertable into a recording device suitable to record at least one of an audio and a video comprising a plurality of frames" and includes the limitation of "wherein said storage medium interacts with said recording device when inserted in said storage medium to obtain said at least one of an audio and a video." Neither Sahai nor Fano disclose this limitation, hence independent claim 61 along with its dependent claims 62-72 patentably distinguish over the cited combination and the Examiner's rejection of these claims should be withdrawn.

The Examiner rejected claims 73-93 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious in view of the combination of Sahai and Barrett et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,611,876. The applicant has canceled claims 80-88. Independent claim 73, as amended, includes the limitation of "detachably inserting a storage medium into a multimedia device, said storage medium storing a preferences description . . ." Independent claim 89, as amended, includes the limitation of "a content attribute of said preferences description related to the semantic content of said at least one of an audio and a video." Neither Sahai nor Barrett discloses either of these limitations. Therefore the Examiner's rejection of claims 73-79 and 89-93 should be withdrawn.

The Examiner rejected claims 94-103 under the previously cited combination of Sahai and Li. Independent claim 94, as amended, includes the limitations of a "user-selected forward speed" and a "user-selected reverse speed". The video on demand system of Li does not permit

a user to choose the speed at which video is fast-forwarded or fast reversed, hence claim 94, along with its dependent claims 95-103 patentably distinguish over the cited combination and the Examiner's rejection of these claims should be withdrawn.

The Examiner rejected claims 104 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious in view of the combination of Sahai and Huang, U.S. Patent No. 6,593,936. Claim 104, as amended, includes the limitation of "providing a content attribute describing the semantic content of said at least one of said audio and said video, said content attribute being used with said media attribute to implement said user's preferences with respect to said at least one of said audio representation and said video representation." Neither Sahai nor Huang disclose this limitation, hence the Examiner's rejection of this claim should be withdrawn.

The Examiner rejected claims 108-118 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the combination of Sahai and Kanevsky, U.S. Patent No. 6,426,761. As amended, independent claim 208 includes the limitation of "providing a preferences description on a storage medium detachably insertable into a multimedia device, said preferences description describing preferences of a user with respect to the use of said at least one of said audio and video" Neither Sahai nor Kanevsky disclose this limitation, hence the Examiner's rejection of independent claim 108, along with its dependent claims 109-118, should be withdrawn.

In view of the above amendments and applicant's arguments, the applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of claims 2, 3, 5-10, 12-79, 89-104, and 108-118.

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